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Connaught Avenue Building Evacuation

A three-story residential building at 165 Connaught Avenue is being evacuated by the London Fire Department following an unidentified chemical spill within the building. No one has been injured or taken to hospital as a result of this incident.

The Fire Department arrived on scene at 9:30 a.m. this morning following reports of an unusual odour. Residents are being evacuated and housed temporarily at the Carling Heights Community Centre at 656 Elizabeth Street (formerly Wolseley Barracks). The City is working with residents to secure alternative temporary arrangements for up to four days.
Cleanup of the unknown chemical is now underway. A private company has been engaged to do this work. While the cleanup is underway, residents will not be allowed to enter the building under any circumstances. The City will keep the 69 residents of the building advised about when they may return to their homes. Neighbouring homes and buildings are not at risk.

The Red Cross are on hand and have activated their registration and inquiry function and the Salvation Army is providing its food services bus and other support.

Residents and concerned neighbours can call the Public Inquiry Line at 519 661-2489.